

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-77 (Canceled).

78. (Currently amended) A method for monitoring electronic messages that are directed to an intended recipient, the method comprising:

establishing a supervisory relationship between a supervisory ~~recipient~~ person and an intended recipient, wherein establishing the supervisory relationship between the supervisory person and the intended recipient comprises associating an electronic message address of the supervisory person with an electronic message address of the intended recipient;

receiving electronic messages transmitted across a delivery network from one or more sender devices and directed to the intended recipient;

delivering a first one of the electronic messages to the supervisory ~~recipient~~ person without notifying the intended recipient that the first electronic message has been delivered to the supervisory ~~recipient~~ person;

enabling the supervisory ~~recipient~~ person to review and approve the first electronic message after the first electronic message has been delivered to the supervisory ~~recipient~~ person;
and

enabling notification of the first electronic message to be provided to the intended recipient only if the supervisory ~~recipient~~ person approves the first electronic message.

79. (Canceled)

80. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~79~~ 78 wherein the intended recipient is a minor child and the supervisory ~~recipient~~ person is a guardian for the minor child such that

establishing ~~[[a]]~~ the supervisory relationship between ~~[[a]]~~ the supervisory ~~recipient person~~ and ~~[[an]]~~ the intended recipient includes associating an electronic message address of the guardian with an electronic message address of the minor child.

81. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~79~~ 78 wherein the intended recipient is an employee and the supervisory ~~recipient person~~ is an employer for the employee such that establishing ~~[[a]]~~ the supervisory relationship between ~~[[a]]~~ the supervisory ~~recipient person~~ and ~~[[an]]~~ the intended recipient includes associating an electronic message address of the employer with an electronic message address of the employee.

82. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~79~~ 78 wherein delivering comprises:
examining a header of the first electronic message to determine whether the header includes the electronic message address of the intended recipient;
determining the electronic address of the supervisory ~~recipient person~~ associated with the electronic message address of the intended recipient; and
routing the first electronic message to the electronic message address of the supervisory ~~recipient person~~.

83. (Currently amended) The method of claim 82 wherein the intended recipient and the supervisory ~~recipient person~~ each have different electronic message addresses for a single Internet service provider account.

84. (Previously presented) The method of claim 78 further comprising:
examining a header of a second one of the electronic messages to determine an electronic address of the sender of the second electronic message;
comparing the determined electronic address of the second electronic message to at least one sender list, and
approving or rejecting the electronic message based on a result of the comparison.

85. (Previously presented) The method of claim 84 wherein the at least one sender list includes a list of approved senders such that comparing the determined electronic address comprises comparing the determined electronic address to the list of approved senders.

86. (Previously presented) The method of claim 84 wherein the at least one sender list includes a list of blocked senders such that comparing the determined electronic address comprises comparing the determined electronic address to the list of blocked senders.

87. (Previously presented) The method of claim 78 wherein the electronic messages are e-mails such that receiving electronic messages includes receiving e-mails transmitted across a delivery network from one or more sender devices and directed to the intended recipient.

88. (Previously presented) The method of claim 78 wherein the electronic messages are instant messages such that receiving electronic messages includes receiving instant messages transmitted across a delivery network from one or more sender devices and directed to the intended recipient.

89. (Previously presented) The method of claim 78 wherein the electronic messages are chat room messages such that receiving electronic messages includes receiving chat room messages transmitted across a delivery network from one or more sender devices and directed to the intended recipient.

90. (Currently amended) The method of claim 78 further comprising:
delivering a second one of the electronic messages to the supervisory ~~recipient~~ person
without notifying the intended recipient that the second electronic message has been delivered to the supervisory ~~recipient~~ person; and

automatically forwarding or deleting the second electronic message if the supervisory ~~recipient~~ person does not review and approve the second electronic message within a period of time after delivery of the second electronic message to the supervisory ~~recipient~~ person.

91. (Currently amended) A system for monitoring electronic messages that are directed to an intended recipient, the system comprising:

an establishing software module that establishes a supervisory relationship between a supervisory ~~recipient~~ person and an intended recipient wherein the establishing software module comprises an associating software module that establishes the supervisory relationship between the supervisory person and the intended recipient by, at least, associating an electronic message address of the supervisory person with an electronic message address of the intended recipient;

a receiving software module that receives electronic messages transmitted across a delivery network from one or more sender devices and directed to the intended recipient;

a delivery software module that delivers a first one of the electronic messages to the supervisory ~~recipient~~ person without notifying the intended recipient that the first electronic message has been delivered to the supervisory ~~recipient~~ person;

[[an]] a review software module that enables the supervisory ~~recipient~~ person to review and approve the first electronic message after the first electronic message has been delivered to the supervisory ~~recipient~~ person; and

[[an]] a notification software module that enables notification of the first electronic message to be provided to the intended recipient only if the supervisory ~~recipient~~ person approves the first electronic message.

92. (Canceled)

93. (Currently amended) The system of claim ~~92~~ 91 wherein the intended recipient is a minor child and the supervisory ~~recipient~~ person is a guardian for the minor child such that the

associating software module associates an electronic message address of the guardian with an electronic message address of the minor child.

94. (Currently amended) The system of claim ~~92~~ 91 wherein the intended recipient is an employee and the supervisory ~~recipient person~~ person is an employer for the employee such that the ~~establishing software module establishes a supervisory relationship between a supervisory recipient person and an intended recipient~~ includes associating software module associates an electronic message address of the employer with an electronic message address of the employee.

95. (Currently amended) The system of claim ~~92~~ 91 wherein the delivery software module comprises:

an examining module that examines a header of the first electronic message to determine whether the header includes the electronic message address of the intended recipient;

a determining software module that determines the electronic message address of the supervisory ~~recipient person~~ person associated with the electronic message address of the intended recipient; and

a routing software module that routes the first electronic message to the electronic message address of the supervisory ~~recipient person~~ person.

96. (Currently amended) The system of claim 95 wherein the intended recipient and the supervisory ~~recipient person~~ person each have different electronic message addresses for a single Internet service provider account.

97. (Previously presented) The system of claim 91 further comprising:
an examining module that examines a header of a second one of the electronic messages to determine an electronic address of the sender of the second electronic message;
a comparing module that compares the determined electronic address of the second electronic message to at least one sender list, and

an approving/rejecting module that approves or rejects the electronic message based on a result of the comparison.

98. (Previously presented) The system of claim 97 wherein the at least one sender list includes a list of approved senders such that the comparing module compares the determined electronic address to the list of approved senders.

99. (Previously presented) The system of claim 97 wherein the at least one sender list includes a list of blocked senders such that the comparing module compares the determined electronic address to the list of blocked senders.

100. (Previously presented) The system of claim 91 wherein the electronic messages are e-mails such that the receiving module receives e-mails transmitted across a delivery network from one or more sender devices and directed to the intended recipient.

101. (Previously presented) The system of claim 91 wherein the electronic messages are instant messages such that the receiving module receives instant messages transmitted across a delivery network from one or more sender devices and directed to the intended recipient.

102. (Previously presented) The system of claim 91 wherein the electronic messages are chat room messages such that the receiving module receives chat room messages transmitted across a delivery network from one or more sender devices and directed to the intended recipient.

103. (Currently amended) The system of claim 91 wherein the delivering module delivers a second one of the electronic messages to the supervisory ~~recipient~~ person without notifying the intended recipient that the second electronic message has been delivered to the supervisory ~~recipient~~ person; the system further comprising a forwarding/deleting module that automatically forwards or deletes the second electronic message if the supervisory ~~recipient~~

person does not review and approve the second electronic message within a period of time after delivery of the second electronic message to the supervisory ~~recipient~~ person.

104. (Currently amended) A computer readable medium having embodied thereon a computer program for monitoring electronic messages that are directed to an intended recipient, the computer program comprising:

an establishing code segment that establishes a supervisory relationship between a supervisory ~~recipient~~ person and an intended recipient wherein the establishing code segment comprises an associating code segment that establishes the supervisory relationship between the supervisory person and the intended recipient by, at least, associating an electronic message address of the supervisory person with an electronic message address of the intended recipient;

a receiving code segment that receives electronic messages transmitted across a delivery network from one or more sender devices and directed to the intended recipient;

a delivery code segment that delivers a first one of the electronic messages to the supervisory ~~recipient~~ person without notifying the intended recipient that the first electronic message has been delivered to the supervisory ~~recipient~~ person;

[[an]] a review code segment that enables the supervisory ~~recipient~~ person to review and approve the first electronic message after the first electronic message has been delivered to the supervisory ~~recipient~~ person; and

a notification code segment that enables notification of the first electronic message to be provided to the intended recipient only if the supervisory ~~recipient~~ person approves the first electronic message.

105. (Canceled)

106. (Currently amended) The medium of claim ~~105~~ 104 wherein the intended recipient is a minor child and the supervisory ~~recipient~~ person is a guardian for the minor child

such that the associating code segment associates an electronic message address of the guardian with an electronic message address of the minor child.

107. (Currently amended) The medium of claim ~~105~~ 104 wherein the intended recipient is an employee and the supervisory ~~recipient~~ person is an employer for the employee such that the associating code segment associates an electronic message address of the employer with an electronic message address of the employee.

108. (Currently amended) The medium of claim ~~105~~ 104 wherein the delivery code segment comprises:

an examining code segment that examines a header of the first electronic message to determine whether the header includes the electronic message address of the intended recipient;

a determining code segment that determines the electronic address of the supervisory ~~recipient~~ person associated with the electronic message address of the intended recipient; and

a routing code segment that routes the first electronic message to the electronic message address of the supervisory ~~recipient~~ person.

109. (Currently amended) The medium of claim 108 wherein the intended recipient and the supervisory ~~recipient~~ person each have different electronic message addresses for a single Internet service provider account.

110. (Previously presented) The medium of claim 104 wherein the computer program further comprises:

an examining code segment that examines a header of a second one of the electronic messages to determine an electronic address of the sender of the second electronic message;

a comparing code segment that compares the determined electronic address of the second electronic message to at least one sender list, and

an approving/rejecting code segment that approves or rejects the electronic message based on a result of the comparison.

111. (Previously presented) The medium of claim 110 wherein the at least one sender list includes a list of approved senders such that the comparing code segment compares the determined electronic address to the list of approved senders.

112. (Previously presented) The medium of claim 110 wherein the at least one sender list includes a list of blocked senders such that the comparing code segment compares the determined electronic address to the list of blocked senders.

113. (Previously presented) The medium of claim 104 wherein the electronic messages are e-mails such that the receiving code segment receives e-mails transmitted across a delivery network from one or more sender devices and directed to the intended recipient.

114. (Previously presented) The medium of claim 104 wherein the electronic messages are instant messages such that the receiving code segment receives instant messages transmitted across a delivery network from one or more sender devices and directed to the intended recipient.

115. (Previously presented) The medium of claim 104 wherein the electronic messages are chat room messages such that the receiving code segment receives chat room messages transmitted across a delivery network from one or more sender devices and directed to the intended recipient.

116. (Currently amended) The medium of claim 104 wherein the delivering code segment delivers a second one of the electronic messages to the supervisory ~~recipient~~ person without notifying the intended recipient that the second electronic message has been delivered to the supervisory ~~recipient~~ person, the computer program further comprising a forwarding/deleting code segment that automatically forwards or deletes the second electronic message if the supervisory ~~recipient~~ person does not review and approve the second electronic message within a period of time after delivery of the second electronic message to the supervisory ~~recipient~~ person.